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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Patrick Miller

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 6-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 04012004; 07202004
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Figures 20-23 are labeled "Prior Art." Therefore, the specification, under "Brief Description of the Drawings," needs to explicitly state that these figures are Prior Art. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-20 are objected to because of the following informalities: see bullet(s) below.

Appropriate correction is required.

- Claim 1 recites, "a PN voltage correction factor" (l. 24 of claim). Change "a" to "the."
- With respect to claims 1 and 20, it is not clear what "PN" means. At the first occurrence, please spell-out what "PN" stands for, followed by PN in parenthesis "()."
- Claim 3 recites, "the average value" (l. 2). Lack of antecedent basis.
- Claim 4 recites, "the average of the positive to negative ratios" (l. 4). Lack of antecedent basis.
- Claim 5 recites, "the average value" (l. 2). Lack of antecedent basis.
- Claim 9 recites, "a motor current" (l. 3). Change "a" to "the."
- Claim 10 recites, "the three-phase AC," "the two-phase DC," and "the first-order delay." Lack of antecedent basis for these terms. First AC and DC were not specified in the independent claim in terms of number of phases. Second, "the first-order delay" is not recited in claims 1 and 9, respectively.
- Claim 12 recites, "the inverter operation frequency" (ll. 2-3). Lack of antecedent basis for this term.

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- Claim 18 recites, “the shunt resistance” (ll. 2-3). Lack of antecedent basis for this term.
- Claim 20 recites, “a PN voltage correction factor” (l. 29 of claim). Change “a” to “the.”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
 - The limitations of these claims are unclear to the Examiner because the claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-20 would be allowed once the minor informalities are corrected.
 - With respect to claims 1 and 20, the primary reason for allowance is because the Prior Art does not disclose a first motor voltage command corrector, a beat amount corrector, and a second motor voltage command corrector, with the limitations set forth in the claims.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-2070. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 41. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9318.

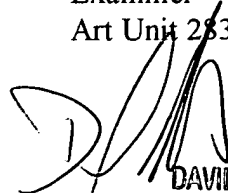
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